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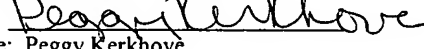
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Title: WAVEGUIDE ELEMENT USING PHOTONIC CRYSTAL

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/547,828, filed September 2, 2005. A copy of the specification for the afore-mentioned application is enclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, a copy of each U.S. Patent Document listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is not provided. Applicants believe that the references from the International Search Report are available to the Examiner, and therefore copies are not provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §(a)(3)):

US 2002/27655 is an English equivalent of JP 2002-236206, US 2003/142385 is an English equivalent of JP 2003-215362 and 2003/184845 is an English equivalent of JP 2003-287633. Partial English translations have been included for all foreign language articles.

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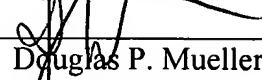
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

Respectfully submitted,

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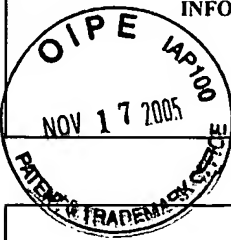
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